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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Cover Research Releases (NACA)

REFERENCE : SAPC - 7841 Dated 15 August 1956 to
Project Cover Officer from Project
Director of Administration

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1. In the reference memorandum [REDACTED] noted the views of Mr. Harry Press, NACA, concerning the release of suitable research memoranda as an aid to our post loss cover story. The views expressed by Mr. Press were, to say the least, very disturbing both to [REDACTED] and myself.

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2. I have since had occasion to discuss this matter with Mr. Tom Coleman of NACA and the latter related, as a matter of confidence, that Mr. Press does not attach the same degree of importance to such releases as does he, Mr. Funk and Mr. Rhode. I personally have had the opportunity to hold discussions with both Coleman and Rhode and have found both to be extremely conscientious and cooperative in every way. I have not, however, had sufficient meetings with Mr. Press to obtain his views or thoughts regarding Project activities or the related NACA support.

3. Mr. Coleman is of the opinion that suitable research papers can be prepared from the material available thus far and preparation would not require the amount of time stated by Mr. Press. The latter, however, happens to be Mr. Coleman's superior and the preparation of any study would have to originate with him.

4. In an effort to produce some semblance of motivation in Mr. Press I suggest the forwarding of the attached memorandum to NACA. It is hoped that through this means senior officials of NACA will, as

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a result, emphasize to Mr. Press the need for his taking immediate action toward preparing our much needed research study with completion at a very early date.

5. In preparing the attached, I have attempted not to indicate a blame on any one individual and have refrained from mentioning the attitude of Mr. Press. The letter does, however, emphasize our definite need for a counterpropaganda weapon for use in the event of a compromise to one of our aircraft.

6. I have purposely submitted the attached to you in draft form for any additional statements or corrections you may wish to make. You will note that Mr. Crowley has been made the addressee in the absence of Mr. Rhode, as the latter is currently in Europe and not expected to return until mid-September.

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